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FOR: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PRODUCING FREE STANDING  
SILICON CARBIDE ARTICLES



**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

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The patents, publications or other information submitted for consideration by the Office are listed on PTO-1449, attached hereto.

It is respectfully requested that the Examiner carefully consider and make of record each of the documents cited herein. Each of the documents cited were made of record in parent application Serial No. 09/072,927, filed May 5, 1998, from which application the present application claims priority. Accordingly, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.98(d), Applicant is not required to furnish copies of the cited documents, although Applicant will promptly provide copies of any of the cited documents upon the Examiner's request.

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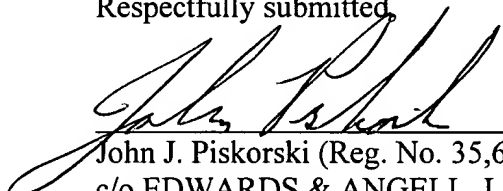
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Respectfully submitted,

  
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